

MidAmerican Energy Plant Some Shade Residential Tree Program Request for Proposal (RFP) ~ Spring 2009

PART I: VENDOR INFORMATION

1.1 PURPOSE

- A. MidAmerican Energy in partnership with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Forestry Bureau and a local partner(s) are soliciting proposals for plant material to be distributed in a residential tree program to promote energy efficient landscaping and community reforestation during the spring 2009 planting season.
- B. This Request for Proposal (RFP) provides detailed instructions for vendors interested in supplying the requirements of this proposal.

1.2 INQUIRIES

- A. Inquires concerning this RFP should be directed to: Iowa DNR, Forestry Bureau
515-242-6892
Matt.brewer@dnr.iowa.gov

1.3 RECEIVING OF PROPOSALS

- A. Proposals will be received **by Tuesday, March 3, 2009.** Proposals received after 4:00 p.m. on that date will not be considered.
- B. Proposals may be mailed, faxed, E-mailed as an attachment or brought to:
Iowa DNR, Forestry Bureau
Attn: Matt Brewer
Wallace State Office Building
502 E 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034
Fax 515-281-6794; E-mail: matt.brewer@dnr.iowa.gov

1.4 FILING OF PROPOSALS

- A. **Proposals shall be on the proposal form furnished with this proposal packet. Proposal forms must be complete, signed and dated.**
- B. Where applicable – specific cultivars / selections that will be accepted have been listed – **please indicate!**
- C. Any other notations, plant material availability – please note on separate page and attach.

1.5 DELAY IN RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL

The partners accept no responsibility for delays in the receipt of your proposal due to mail delivery, messenger services or any other method of delivery. The responsibility for timely delivery rests with the nursery.

1.6 PROPOSAL OPENING

- A. Multiple proposals per project may be awarded depending upon species availability, individual unit price, quantity and regional location in regard to specific projects.
- B. All proposals will be reviewed by MidAmerican Energy, Iowa DNR and the local partner. Successful vendors will be notified **on or before Friday, March 13, 2009.**

1.7 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

The local partner and Iowa DNR reserve the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and to waive irregularities which appear to be in the best interest of MidAmerican Energy, Iowa DNR and the local partner.

PART II: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 DELIVERY

Successful vendors will be notified of specific delivery location and details at proposal awarding by Iowa DNR or the local partner.

2.2 CHANGES

Changes in provisions to be furnished under this proposal may be verbal, but must be followed up in writing and be approved mutually by the vendor and the Iowa DNR or the designated representative(s).

2.3 SUBCONTRACTORS

Successful vendors shall be responsible for all acts and performance of any subcontractor or secondary suppliers that the successful vendor may engage for the completion of the terms of this proposal. The successful vendor shall be responsible for the payment to all subcontractors or secondary suppliers.

2.4 TAXES - STATE AND LOCAL

The local partner is exempt from federal, state, and local sales and use tax on the items pursuant to this contract.

2.5 PAYMENT

Payment for plant material will be paid within 60 days of project date.

2.6 DETAILS

Nothing in this RFP grants any entity any legal or equitable rights relative to the contract services until the contract has been fully executed by the successful vendors and the Department. Nothing in this RFP grants any entity a contract. The Department reserves the right not to enter into any contracts pursuant to this RFP.

PART III: MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 GENERAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- A. These specifications will apply to all plant material purchased. Unless otherwise noted, plant material will adhere to American National Standards Institute (ANSI Z-60. 1-1990).
- B. Trees shall be container grown as scheduled and shall conform to ANSI Z60.1. Plants shall have sufficient roots to hold earth intact after root ball is removed from the container without being root bound.
- C. Planting stock shall be well branched and well formed, sound, vigorous, healthy, and free from disease, sun-scauld, windburn, abrasion, and harmful insects or insect eggs and shall have healthy, normal, and unbroken root systems. Plants shall have been grown under climatic conditions similar to those in the locality of the project and should have seed source and winter hardiness appropriate for the delivery location. Tree tags should only represent your corporation upon delivery. If you have purchased trees from a whole sale grower, those tags must be removed before delivery to the location.
- D. **Please note: container grown plants are required. Trees should be in the container they are delivered in for one to two growing seasons. Balled & burlap trees are impractical for this project and will not be considered for this project and will be rejected at time of delivery.**
- E. **Please note: Bare root trees freshly potted will not be considered for this project and will be rejected at time of delivery.**

3.2 DETAILED PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- A. Shade Trees
 - 1. Product height of 6 to 8 feet tall with a strong central leader.
 - 2. Diameter of trunk 3/4" or better measured at 6" above ground.
 - 3. Shade trees will be a **#7 container grown**.
- B. Low-Growing Trees / Ornamentals
 - 1. Product height of 6 to 8 feet tall.
 - 2. Diameter of trunk 3/4" or better measured at 6" above ground.
 - 3. Will be **#5-7 container grown**.
- C. Conifers / Evergreens
 - 1. Product height of 2 to 3 feet tall with a strong central leader.
 - 2. Will be **#5-7 container grown**.

3.3 WARRANTY

No warranty is required on these items.

3.4 REJECTION OF PLANT MATERIAL

The local partner, Iowa DNR and MidAmerican Energy have the right to reject any plant material that doesn't meet specifications or is damaged in any way.